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June is here again and you are all waiting to hear about the interesting things that happened down in this corner of the world during the final weeks of the school year. Last June we said all the closing affairs were particularly lovely. This year they were super-particularly lovely. Every one who had anything to do with the festivities seemed to make a special effort to see that they should all stand out in the minds of those who attended them as the very nicest of Margaret Eaton closing functions. The heavens evidently had regrets that this was the last time The Margaret Eaton School would be having its very own festivities, for the rain came down in torrents just when it was time to go to the Banquet; when girls and guests were going to the Graduation and when they were coming out for tea afterwards. But it was only the skies that showed their feelings. Every one else kept her sadness to herself and even went out of her way to be gay.

First of all in point of time, came the Activities Association Banquet, which was held at the Park Plaza the evening of May 14th. The theme of the Banquet was "We will meet again"--very appropriate, and of course we will. Sirkka Sterner had made the covers for the programmes and the place cards, all of them works of art. The programmes had blue birds meeting (not over the cliffs of Dover!) and each place card had its own decoration, in most cases a flower. Joyce O'Neill was the toast mistress and an excellent one. All the speeches were good and the prophecy by Jean King produced much applause and laughter, as well as some apprehension, judging by the looks on the girls' faces. A feature of the occasion was the distribution of the School Magazine; dedicated to Miss Somers.

Following quickly after the Banquet came the Annual Alumnae Luncheon, held at the Granite Club on Saturday, May 16th. We feel very sorry for any one who missed it, for certainly it could not have been nicer. The decorations were green and white, with lovely bouquets of white lilacs adorning the tables. The place cards, made by Dorothy Kennedy Conacher, were much admired and each guest received a lovely corsage of white sweet peas. Jo Robinson was the toast mistress; she surpassed even Jo Robinson and kept every one in a happy frame of mind. The toast to the School was proposed in three sections, - the School of Literature and Expression under Mrs. Nasmith, proposed by her daughter, Mrs. Robert Fennell, the School under Miss Hamilton proposed by Elizabeth Pitt and the School under Miss Somers by Winnifred McEvoy. The three speeches were excellent and gave in brief a history of the school, both humorous and serious. Miss Somers had the task of replying on behalf of the School in all its three different periods. She had tried to get Miss Hamilton to do part of it; she had tried to get the staff to help, all to no avail. However, to even things up a little, she called on Miss Hamilton to stand up and take a bow. But Miss Hamilton did more. She recited a little poem - author or authors unannounced:

"Mary had a little lamb,
Which oft disturbed her slumbers;
Now she leads a carefree life,
Having giv'n the lamb to Somers.
Dear little lamb! Poor Somers!"

Now the lamb has grown apace
And is the joy of Somers,
She's taken it to Varsity;
Three cheers from all Alumers!"

The toast to the graduating class was proposed by Mrs. John Hall, otherwise Kitty Hall, otherwise Kitty Peplér. The toast mistress reached the last alias (?) before every one knew who she was! As she has had teaching experience in Canada, India and Egypt, Kathleen knew whereof she spoke. She told of a class in India whom she called to attention. After a little difficulty they all brought their heels together except one woman. She looked at Kathleen, she looked at her feet and then she looked at Kathleen again, and finally she said, "My God won't, will yours?" We have been wondering ever since if Kitty's did. Elizabeth Seccombe, head of student government for the year 1942, replied to the toast in a well-thought out speech that brought much favorable comment. Before the luncheon came to a close Jo Robinson paid tribute to the three women who have put so much of themselves into the School, Mrs. Nasmith, Miss Hamilton and Miss Somers. We quote in full. Like Miss Hamilton with her poem, Jo felt she had had too much assistance to let this stand under her name and so we say again - author or authors unannounced:

"It is my privilege to pay tribute to the three great women who in turn have guided the destinies of The Margaret Eaton School.

First to Mrs. Nasmith - She had the vision to create this school, the ability to organize it, the wisdom to direct it, and we owe our very being to her.

Second to Miss Hamilton - She taught us what Physical Education could be, what it could mean to this country, how it could add to life. She sent us out to carry this high tradition to teach at home and abroad and she spent herself to maintain the school and back us up.

Third to Miss Somers - Coming as a stranger to Canada, she has identified herself with us - our school and our alumnae. Our interests have been her interests. She brought to the school a wide knowledge of education and she has given liberally of this knowledge and experience, and under her it has grown and prospered.

"Let us now praise famous men,
Men of little showing
For their work continueth,
And their work continueth,
Broad and deep continueth,
Greater than their knowing."

A surprise part of the programme was the presentation to the School secretary of a gold bar pin with the discus thrower on it, by the War Committee. The secretary has asked the editor to say again how much she appreciated the thought of her. The pin is an exquisite thing and will be treasured always.

On Thursday afternoon, May 21st, a cold gray day when the heavens again frowned upon us, the students gave a brief, informal demonstration for their parents, on the lawn at the back of the residence. Gymnastics, pyramids, games, English Country and Morris Dancing and Creative Dancing, made up the programme. A feature was the hobby horses, ridden by Margaret Drummond and Phyllis Gale, which galloped around the lawn during the folk dance numbers. Afterwards tea was served in the living room. This gave the fathers and mothers who had not been able to come to the demonstration in March, a chance to see something of the work.

Graduation Day dawned wet and cold. The old adage, "Rain before seven, stop before eleven", was certainly not true on May 22nd. But to our amazement the rain did not seem to matter. Because the Margaret Eaton Hall has been taken over by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, we held the Graduation Exercises in the Eaton Auditorium.

We will confess we did this with some misgivings, because it seemed so large for the audience we usually have, but either more people came or the seating was arranged so carefully that we appeared to have a goodly number. We wish you could all have been there to see us in our new setting. The girls looked as lovely as usual (we dare not say more!) in their long white dresses, carrying their beautiful flowers. The Very Reverend Dean Riley, whose daughter Florence was the gold medallist, presided and later gave the message to the graduating class. The address was given by Reverend David A. MacLennan of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church. Nancy Gray was the Valedictorian, and Elizabeth Seccombe, with a very nice speech, passed on the Discobolus, symbol of Student Government, to Ruth Carleton of the Class of 1943, who accepted it with an equally nice speech. Under Mrs. McNeill's direction the students sang two numbers beautifully. This year Miss Somers broke her usual custom and before presenting the diplomas, gave a very fine report on the work of the School since she took it over, with a brief historical resume of it before that time. It was very heartening to every one who has been connected with The Margaret Eaton School in any way, to hear Miss Somers say, after speaking of the three periods in the history of the School mentioned at the Luncheon, that the School was now entering into its fourth period, that of amalgamation with the School of Physical and Health Education. Dr. Ryerson, Director of the new school, speaking briefly before the presentation of prizes, corroborated Miss Somers' statement and expressed the hope that the traditions and ideals of The Margaret Eaton School which have stood for so much through the years, would be continued in the School of Physical and Health Education. Miss Somers also announced that Miss Hamilton has made a gift to the University which will make it possible to have the Camp Counselor Course in September as usual. Miss Dorothy Jackson assisted in giving out the awards and Miss Hamilton was also on the platform. Pauline Seller won the Charlotte A. Kaulbach Silver Medal and a diploma was awarded to Joan Faycett in absentia. There was great applause when Miss Somers read a cable from Joan letting us know that she was safely in India, teaching in Naini Tal. In spite of the rain friends of the graduating class and of the school came over to the school for tea afterwards and seemed to have the usual pleasant time. Mrs. Fierro (Charlotte Kaulbach) and Mrs. Allen (Marion Hobday) poured the tea and coffee and graduates and friends assisted.

An important part of the Luncheon proceedings we have omitted until now, because we want it to stand out in your minds as something by itself. That is the report of the War Committee which was given by Adrienne Adams Lea. With Lois Howard Armstrong and Lois Russell Heaton as co-conveners, an amazing amount of work has been accomplished in the little over a year that it has been organized, especially when you realize how few have worked regularly for it. Listen to their accomplishments:

To the British Mine Sweepers:

400 knitted articles, including turtle-neck sweaters, sleeveless sweaters, socks, mitts, helmets, caps, turtle-neck tuck-ins, sea boot stockings, scarves etc.

To the Red Cross:

30 dresses for 14 year old girls.

12 units for boys sizes 4-6. Each unit included socks, pants, shirt, sweater and blazer. Material for these and for the dresses was supplied by the Red Cross.

8 pr. children's slippers made from old felt hats for hospitalized children in England.

To the Navy League:

12 pr. knitted sleeves for fur or leather jackets.

150 Ditty Bags filled.

Steady contributions of books, magazines, playing cards.

Civilian clothing sent overseas including babies' woollens.

Gifts have been made as follows:

Russian War Relief - \$10.00

Chinese War Relief - 55.00

Canadian Red Cross - 25.00

For the Red Cross Campaign in Toronto, the committee provided 12 canvassers and Lois Russell Heaton captained a large west end section for the Tag Day most successfully, so successfully in fact that she was asked to help and did, with the Dutch Tag Day.

Adrienne also reported over \$250.00 cleared at the Draw, Tea and Sale of Homemade Cooking in the spring. The committee hope to make a special effort again in the fall. Watch the September News Letter for further particulars! As a matter of fact they are busy right now making "housewives" which they hope you will buy for the Ditty Bags you are going to fill! With Helen Parsons again in charge of this part of the work, the committee are trying to get out at least 200 Ditty Bags for this fall. If you are in Toronto and have not been asked to fill one, telephone the office (Ad.8339) and come in sometime when you are downtown. If you are out of town, write to Miss Parsons or to the office and one will be mailed to you immediately. If you can get any of your friends to fill bags, be sure to let us know. And if you are absolutely too busy to fill one, or too far away, why not send in a donation in the form of money for the good of this particular cause. The Navy League got 22,000 filled last year. This year they hope to get 50,000, which means we all will have to work hard.

From August 24 to September 1, the National Councils of the Y.W.C.A. and the Y.M.C.A. are having a Summer School at Lake Couchiching. Miss Zerada Slack, the new National Secretary for Physical and Health Education of the Y.W.C.A. and Mr. A.M. Harding who holds a similar position in the Y.M.C.A. will be in charge of the Health and Physical Education section. There will also be some excellent special lecturers, such as Miss Margery Fry from England, and Drs. Howard Bell and Abraham Barhash from the United States. Whether you are an experienced worker in the Y.W.C.A. or just starting out, do not fail to attend this School.

Time - August 24 to September 1

Place - Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, Ontario

Fees - \$6.00 for whole term, \$4.00 for 5 days, \$1.00 per day.

Room and Board - From \$14.50 per week up.

Write to the Summer School Committee, National Council Y.M.C.A., 21 Dundas Square, Toronto, for further information.

NEWS NOTES:

Miss Somers has gone to her home on Cape Cod, Dennis, Massachusetts for a well-earned holiday.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Shirley Naylor of our staff, to Mr. Winston McCatty of the staff of Upper Canada College, the marriage to take place at Ivy Lea on June 20th. We are glad that Shirley will still be teaching next year.

Mary Adams came east to her sister's wedding the latter part of May and at the same time enjoyed a Y.M.C.A. course and some holidays. Mary is teaching in the Brandon Y.W.C.A. and boys from 8 to 15 years in the Y.M.C.A. of the same city.

Ann Bartlet is a Second Lieutenant in the C.W.A.C., stationed in Montreal.

Madge Brewster has given up her work with the Ontario Training School and is now in the Personnel Department of the Otis-Fonsom Co. (anti-aircraft guns) in Hamilton.

Dorothy Buck called at the office one day on her way home to Nova Scotia after her year at the Guelph Y.W.C.A. Y

Jane Bell (Mrs. J.B. Walker) of Guelph, with her two children spent a short time with her mother in Toronto recently. Mr. Walker is overseas.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Frances Caisley in the death of her sister, Mrs. Scherer of Toronto, who died in March.

Isabel Callan (Mrs. E.C. Macdonald) with Kenneth, has gone to Rivers, Manitoba, where her husband is a Staff Pilot in the Navigation School.

Elia Cooke White, with "Anthony three and a bit, and Jeremy one and a bit", is living in Farnborough, England. Her husband was stationed for a long time at Malta, but the last we heard (indirectly), he had been relieved and was on his way home to England.

A long, interesting letter from Marjorie Culbert Royal brought us news of herself, her husband and South America. Marjorie says, "Our war work down here still flourishes. I have my two days at the Red Cross from 9 to 5 and two afternoons at the Press and Propaganda office." In case you are interested, Marjorie's address is - Mrs. Andrew Royal, Caixa Postal 174, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Molly Dallas Fess and her two baby boys are spending the summer at Meadowvale with Molly's aunt, Miss Cassels.

Margaret Davis was a recent caller at the office when she passed through Toronto on her way to Winnipeg, where she will spend the summer with her grandmother.

Born at Welland, on January 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. Whiting Lathrop (Margaret Davison) a daughter, Margot Helen.

Theo Elmsley, at our last time of hearing, was with the Motor Transport Division of the C.W.A.C. at Work Point, Vancouver Island, and Mona Miller Tomalin was her O.C.

Joan Fellowes is a sergeant with the C.W.A.C. stationed at Barriefield Barracks, Kingston. She took her training at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

When we heard from Jane Ferguson Christie at Christmas time, she and her husband were both working in the D.I.L. munitions plant at Nobel. Mr. Christie was doing re-creation work and Jane was supervisor of about seventy waitresses.

Dorothy Frappier received her degree from the University of Western Ontario this spring, and the day after her graduation was married to Mr. John Munsie. They are living in Vancouver.

Dorte Glahn, who last fall taught social dancing one evening a week at the Broadview Y.M.C.A., after Christmas was appointed assistant programme director. On March 7th she was married to Mr. James Carnie, the physical director of the Broadview Association, but kept on with her work until the end of May. Mr. Carnie is now in the Air Force, and they are living at 725 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto. Y

Mollie Gordon Reid sent us a nice, cheerful letter recently. Mollie lives at Briar-ia, Helensburgh, Scotland with her husband, her little daughter, Elizabeth, her

baby son and five evacuees, a man and his wife and three children. "They ^{have} been with us for over a year and are splendid people. We like having them." Mollie says, "Travelling is practically impossible, or rather I should say very difficult. Over the window of every ticket office is written, "Is your journey necessary?" and it helps to keep us at home! The trains are so full of troops that it is far more comfortable not being on them if you can possibly help it. We are busy with chickens and ducks and vegetables, although to-day I boldly planted some annual flowers in between the leeks and turnips. I think you would be surprised to see the roads with practically no cars on them. Our old jobbing gardener counted ten on the main street in three hours yesterday." One thing more from Mollie's letter: "You could tell any one who is busy sewing and making quilts etc., that it is not lost labor. Last spring when we were having heavy raids it was marvellous to be able to go to a clothing depot and get people rigged out with the underwear, dresses, coats, quilts etc., all made and sent by Canadians and Americans."

Helen Grange (Mrs. C.E. Gibbard) writes that her second son was born last fall, Richard Grange.

Born on February 6th, to Lieutenant and Mrs. F.J. Simington (Frances Greenway) a son.

Born to Gertrude Haire Kunstler and Lawrence Kunstler, at New York, March 31, a son.

Born, on April 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mansley (Phyllis Hammill), 467 Walker Avenue, Winnipeg, a son, Ernest James (otherwise Jimmy).

Viola Harvey was married on June 10th, 1940 to Mr. Rovelle H. Allen, who is in his last year in Medicine at the University of Wisconsin.

Margaret Henderson (Mrs. Walter L. Tarr) with her husband and two sons, Walter and Tommy, is living at 2303 Park Avenue, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Spencer Merry (Margaret Henry) on March 27th, a daughter.

Born on July 1, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Osburn (Barbara Heseltine) at Halifax, N.S. a son, John Anthony. We understand that Barbara and the baby are in Vancouver at present, while Mr. Osburn is in the Navy.

Rosemary Heseltine, formerly of '40, is in the R.C.A.F., W.D. Stationed at St. Thomas Rusty was the only girl chosen with nine airmen to be interviewed over the radio by Colonel Stoopnagle of the Ontario Government Radio Hour. Madeline Carroll chaperoned the group, which stayed at the Park Plaza while in Toronto.

Roberta Hill was married at Charlottetown on January 27th to Sub-Lieut. F.G. Elkin.

A letter from Kay Hornby some time ago, tells us of her two little girls, Jean and Merlyn. In case her friends do not know Kay's new address, it is 191½ East Buena Vista, Highland Park, Michigan, just 2 blocks from the Y. where Eileen Muir works. Y

Born, on November 28th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson (Isabel Irwin) a daughter Katharine Ann. They are living at 247 Melrose Avenue.

Joyce Jarvis has given up her work at the Central Neighborhood House and after taking a short course, will be a laboratory technician at St. Michael's Hospital.

Through Mollie Gordon's letter, we have learned that Doris Lawlor (Mrs. E.G. Edwards) has a son and daughter and lives in Windsor, England, as her husband teaches at Eton.

Margaret Large, B.A. and Jean Thomas, B.A. were successful in getting their High School

Assistant's Certificates and Specialist's Certificates in Physical Education from the Ontario College of Education this spring. Jean is to be in charge of Treaty Point Camp this summer and Margaret is going to Camp Ouanacau in the Laurentians.

Born to Frances Lee Knight and Mr. Knight of Barrie, Ontario, on February 18th, a son.

Joan MacMillan, now A.S.O. with the R.C.A.F., W.D., is stationed at St. Hubert, Que.

Born to Dr. Agnes Moffat Magee and Dr. R.K. Magee, at Peterborough on March 2nd, a son.

Helen Mackey is an inspector in one of the munition plants at Toronto.

Marjorie Martin is also working in munitions.

Norah Magnan Duly wrote very interestingly in March of her life in Umtali, Southern Rhodesia (Box 184). Her husband is in the army but has been kept at Umtali instructing, and is able to get home for most evenings and week-ends. She says, "We knit, do canteen work, soldiers' club, hospital duty, grow vegetables instead of flowers and generally try to "do without". Yesterday I was allowed to buy 3 yards of elastic and 2 spools of thread--because I have two children! There are ever so many things we can't get but we get along very well. We have a lot of fun out of it." Norah sent snapshots of the children - Nonie Rae as cute as ever and Bryan, a fine healthy baby.

Barbara McArel was married this spring to Mr. C.H. Reardon. They are living in Barrie.

Winnifred McEvoy, who has been a member of the Canadian Red Cross Transport Service all winter, has been made a Lance Corporal.

Ruth Milne was married on January 16th to Mr. Robert F. Neisnor of Sydney, N.S. She continued her work with the Sydney Y.M.C.A.

Jean Mooney passed through Toronto recently on her way to her home in Regina, where she has been transferred from Peterborough. She will still be inspecting munitions.

A nice long letter came from Irma Moyer Manning recently, mailed in India the last of February. Irma, her husband and little daughter Jane - a darling child, judging by the snapshot enclosed - are living at Rawalpindi, India. She says, "We have four months of very cold weather, and Murree, the hill station is only 38 miles away. Today we have been skiing for about five hours in snow about four feet deep and the pathways are alleysways about 7 or 8 feet deep (incidentally this part of the letter was written in January). You can imagine how happy we are to have skiing for about two months.....Now what do you think I do in my spare time? I teach in a school for Evacuated English Children. I teach Hygiene, Art, First Aid, Reading and P.T. and Swimming. It is fun and I feel at least 10 years younger. Then there is a Concert Party for raising money for amenities for troops and I'm in charge of all the dancing. I'm kept busy making up routines for different shows to say nothing of the teaching it involves. There are practices four nights a week. We have five shows in March....Do send my very best wishes to all the girls I know that you happen to see."

Helen Patterson Broom, Mr. Broom and little Louise, are spending the summer in Toronto. Their address is 31 Aylmer Avenue.

Isabel Pirie (Mrs. C.A. Lewis) with her two children is living at 20 Summerhill Gardens, Toronto. Mr. Lewis is overseas.

Married on December 24th, Alison Preston to Mr. Wm. Muir, a Scot in the Air Force. Alison continued her teaching at the Winnipeg Y.W.C.A. until the middle of May.



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